

Recently, a number of questions have arisen concerning the “priority to the right” rules applicable in the BENELUX. The following information prepared by the USAGB DOL Driver Testing Station (DTS), may be of use to you in better understanding this rule. If you have any questions, please contact DTS for further clarification at 366-6603

## Priority to the right rule in the BENELUX

The priority to the right is **an automatic rule** that applies to the following conditions only:

1. It applies between at least **two drivers**  
Remarks: there is no priority to the right between a driver and a pedestrian.
2. The two drivers must approach the intersection at **the same moment**
3. Rule applies only **at unmarked intersections**.  
Remarks: an unmarked intersection is any intersection where there are no:


- Qualified agents (traffic control personnel)
- Operational traffic lights (tricolor lights)

- Priority road signs such as these:



- Road markings painted on the ground




The priority to the right sign,  a black X in a red triangle is nothing but a **reminder** of the rule. You will only see it at **some** dangerous intersections.

Therefore **do not expect to see it at every intersection!**

One peculiarity of the priority to the right rule is that it does not apply if the intersection is comprised of a paved road and a dirt road. Drivers on the paved road have priority.

**Conclusion:** Each time you drive on a road and approach (1) a totally unmarked intersection or



(2) an intersection marked with the priority to the right sign , you must yield to drivers approaching from the right.